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Re: Woodlawn Landfill Superfund Site
Colora, Cecil County, Maryland
CERCLA § 122(j) notification

Dear Ms. Erickson and Mr. Knight:

Pursuant to Section 122(j)(1) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9622(j), I am writing to inform you of negotiations concerning actions to be taken in response to a release or threatened release of hazardous substances at the Woodlawn Landfill Site in Colora, Maryland ("Site"). Specifically, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") intends to negotiate a consent decree for remedial design and remedial action at the Site with the potentially responsible parties ("PRPs") in the near future.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ("NOAA") is the trustee of certain natural resources at the Site pursuant to Executive Order 12580 and the National Contingency Plan, 40 CFR Part 300, Subpart G. EPA would welcome NOAA's participation in these negotiations if you determine that such participation is desirable.

The Site is a former municipal landfill comprising approximately 37 acres. The ground water at the Site is contaminated with vinyl chloride and other chlorinated aliphatic compounds, polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons, pesticides and metals. Wetlands occupy limited areas of the Site, and a tributary of Basin Run crosses the southern end of the Site. Several metals were found in downstream surface water samples collected from the creek that flows across the Site. Levels of

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aluminum, copper, lead and silver were found to exceed federal ambient water quality criteria for the protection of aquatic life.

The remedial action selected for the Site is a final remedy which will address contaminated ground water, contaminated soils, and wastes buried at the Site. The selected remedial action includes the following components:

- Excavation and disposal of contaminated soils located in the former drain field of the Transfer Station septic system;
- Capping of the landfill and cells of polyvinyl chloride sludge;
- Extraction of ground water;
- Treatment of extracted ground water on-site and discharge to the on-site stream;
- Monitoring of ground water, the stream, and landfill gas;
- Provision for an alternate drinking water supply, if necessary;
- Restriction on the deed to the Site and ground water use in the vicinity of the Site; and
- Perimeter fencing.

The nine-member PRP group consists of the Site owner (The Board of County Commissioners of Cecil County, Maryland), five large companies (Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., The BOC Group, Inc., Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc., GenCorp, Inc., and United Dominion Industries, Inc.), two small companies (Elkton Sparkler, Inc., and Harford Sanitation Services, Inc.) and the U.S. Navy. The likelihood of settlement is not known at this time.

If you would like further information on this matter, please contact Patricia Hilsinger, Esquire, (215-597-9238) or me (215-597-9238). We would appreciate your decision on whether you will participate in these negotiations by February 18, 1994.

Sincerely,



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